

# Working with the States to Address RPS/RECs Issues

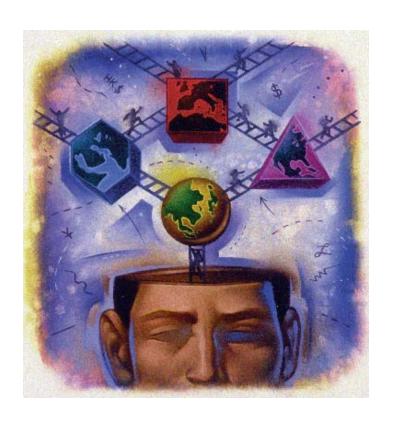


Workshop on REC Markets and Challenges

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#### **Outline**

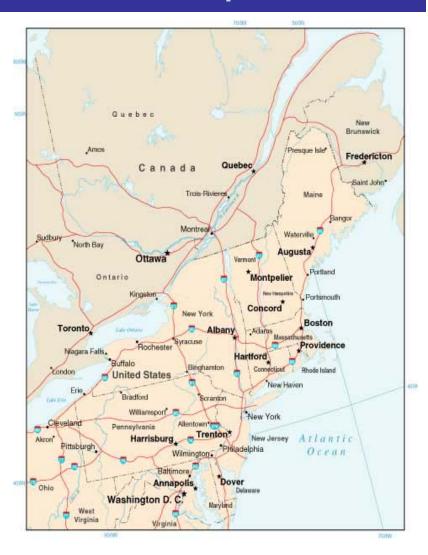


- Overview of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic States Collaborative on RPS Implementation
- Issues of RPS Design and Implementation on REC Markets
- Examples of RPS Design Elements that Restrain Market Liquidity and Prices
- Implications of Regional Functionality



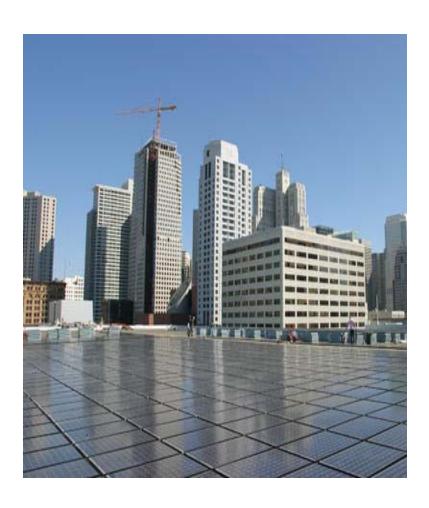
## Overview of RPS Collaborative: Scope

PRIMARY PURPOSE: To share information, improve implementation and pursue targeted opportunities for cooperation in implementing RPS by states in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.





## Overview of Collaborative: Objectives



## **OBJECTIVES:** To provide a forum for states:

- (a) to engage in information sharing,
- (b) to work on common implementation issues, and
- (c) to explore the harmonization of individual state RPS markets with larger renewable energy markets.



## Issues of RPS Design & Implementation on Markets

#### **INCLUDE:**

- Inconsistent "definitions" of renewable eligibility across the regions.
- Deliverability requirements and geographic eligibility.
- Mourly scheduling/matching requirements.





## **Examples of RPS Design Elements that Restrain Market Liquidity**



#### **EXAMPLES**:

- Almost annual changes to RPS eligibility definitions.
- New York RPS RFPs distinguish between intermittent and nonintermittent generators.
- Massachusetts' significant use of the ACP.



## Implications of Regional Functionality

#### **POTENTIAL FOR:**

- States to meet RPS targets with generation/RECs rather than ACPs.
- Assist states in achieving defined RPS objectives.
- Transition to a self-sustaining RPS that is not ratepayer funded.





## **Next Steps**



#### **YEAR TWO:**

- RPS Seams Issues
- RPS Evaluation Elements
- Best Practices and Obstacles
- Relationship between the voluntary and compliance renewable markets.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Project Website**

www.cleanenergystates.org/JointProjects/RPS.html

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